

# County's Black History Month Celebration Set for February 24, 2005

Supervisor Gloria Molina, Chair of the Board, will serve as Honorary Chair of the County's third annual celebration of Black History month on Thursday, Feb. 24, 10:00 a.m., in the Kenneth Hahn Hall of Administration, 500 W. Temple St., Room 381-B.

The theme is "Black America Speaks," and Supervisor Yvonne B. Burke and Executive Officer Violet Varona-Lukens are the co-chairs. Furnell Chatman, anchor-reporter for KNBC-TV, is the permanent master of ceremony.

Rev. Cecil "Chip" Murray, retired Senior Pastor of First AME Church, will

receive the "Living Black History" award for his outstanding contributions to the community.

Program highlights include Sweet Harmony, the International Christian Center Choir and a rousing fashion finale, featuring County employees dressed in African-designed clothing.

There also will be various displays and multicultural vendors on the Second Floor of the Hahn Hall of Administration. Admission is free and everyone is invited to attend.

For more information, please contact Cynthia Machen, Chair of the

African American Heritage Celebration Committee, at (213) 974-8398.



Supervisor Yvonne B. Burke, Second District



Violet Varona-Lukens, Executive Officer

## APD Grant to Fund Video Conferencing

The Alternate Public Defender's Office has received a \$202,000 grant from the Quality and Productivity Commission, which will be used to fund an Inmate Video Conferencing Project, announced Janice Fukai, APD.

"This is a great opportunity for the office to enhance the quality of representation to our clients" and in preparing and handling cases, she said.

Attorneys will be able to schedule their client conferences and then travel a short distance to the office where a video unit is located or simply walk down the hall to an interview room.

The video conference also reduces drive time and air pollution caused by employee commutes.

## New Year's Resolution: Rideshare

by Craig Hirakawa

It's that time of year again when everyone makes New Year resolutions and three common ones are save money, reduce stress and read more.

There is one simple way to accomplish all three goals at once....Rideshare!

Employees who rideshare save money on gas and car repairs (see chart), reduce stress because they are not stuck in daily traffic and have more time to do the things they enjoy such as reading, knitting, sleeping and making friends.

"Once I started ridesharing my work life changed for the better," said Bobbie Nix of the Department of Children and Family Services. "By using public transit I no longer have to deal with the daily stress of driving and I arrive at work refreshed."

Ms. Nix pointed out that "at the end of the month I have extra money in my pocket that I can spend on shopping instead of gas."

Rideshare options include carpool, vanpool, public transit (bus, train or rail), telecommuting, bicycling and walking. For more information, please call (213) 974-1182 or visit the County's website at <http://cao.co.la.ca.us/workplace/rideshare.htm>.



Supervisor Zev Yaroslavsky gives a thumbs up to a new Metro Liner bus.

## Driving vs Metro Pass

How much does it cost to drive alone?

2004 Vehicle (ownership & operating costs)	10,000 mi/yr	15,000 mi/yr	20,000 mi/yr
Chevrolet Cavalier (4-cyl., 2.2 L)	56.8 cents per mi	44.8 cents per mi	39.2 cents per mi
Ford Taurus (6-cyl., 3.0 L)	71.0	58.4	52.1
Mercury Grand Marquis (8-cyl., 4.6 L)	79.0	65.4	58.5
Chevrolet Trail Blazer (6-cyl., 4.3 L)	72.7	59.4	52.7
Dodge Caravan (6-cyl., 3.0 L)	64.0	53.4	48.2
National Average	68.9	56.8	49.9

How much does it cost to ride Metro?

	10,000 mi/yr	15,000 mi/yr	20,000 mi/yr
\$3.00 Metro Day Pass			
260 work days x \$3.00	8 cents per mi	5 cents per mi	4 cents per mi

Solution: Taking Public Transit can save you money every day!

Source: American Automobile Association 2004 and Metro



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## March of Dimes Awards County Campaign Leaders

Supervisor Gloria Molina, Chair of the Board of Supervisors, recently presented awards to the Top County teams and walkers in the 2004 March of Dimes WalkAmerica campaign, which raised more than \$328,000.

"County employees were once again the top public sector team in southern California, beating the City of Los Angeles for the second consecutive year," said Supervisor Molina, who was joined by Chief Administrative Officer David E. Janssen and Rita Hopkins, executive director, March of Dimes Los Angeles.

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Supervisor Gloria Molina, second from left, and CAO David Janssen, rear right, present the platinum team award to Dr. Thomas Garthwaite and members of the DHS team.

## DCFS Employees Lead Rideshare Week Winners

Two employees from the County Department of Children and Family Services and one from the District Attorney's office were winners in the County's Metro rideshare contest, which was held as part of the annual California Rideshare Week.

Page Yiu and Perla Aquino of DCFS each received a one-year membership or renewal in the Automobile Association of America. Karen Harris of the District Attorney's office won a \$250 travel voucher.



Page Yiu

For pledging to rideshare the employees were entered into an opportunity drawing by the employee transportation coordinator. Rideshare options include carpool, vanpool, public transit (bus, rail or train), bike, walk or telecommute.



Karen Harris, left, and Merilda Leslie, ETC



Elvia Isla, ETC, left, and Perla Aquino



DPSS Director Bryce Yokomizo, right, and team members Jacob Aguilar and Diana Fonseca receive a gold award from Supervisor Gloria Molina.

## Voluntary Effort Set For Tsunami Aid

On Jan. 4 the Board of Supervisors launched a voluntary effort to aid victims of the tsunami in Southern Asia. All donations will be sent to the American Red Cross International Response Fund, the Salvation Army and Doctors Without Borders.

County employees have been

asked to consider making voluntary donations. Interested employees may send a check, payable to the LAC Volunteer Fund, to the CAO Workplace Programs Office, 500 W. Temple St., B-1, Los Angeles, CA 90012. Please write "tsunami relief" on the memo line.



ETC Spotlight



Tanya McIntyre

Ridesharing leads to cleaner air and better health so the "minor inconveniences which may occur when ridesharing are far outweighed by the results!"

That is the opinion of Tanya McIntyre, employee transportation coordinator for the Lancaster branch of the Department of Public Social Services. She promotes ridesharing using high visibility bulletin boards within the department, person-to-person contact and e-mail reminders. "If these efforts do not gain staff attention, I offer preferred parking for carpoolers and rewards for employees who use rideshare options, such as

public transit, walking or biking to work," said Ms. McIntyre. "Air quality is no small matter when you think about the detrimental effects bad air can have on a person's health," she said. "Each individual who participates in the rideshare program, even if only for one day a month, helps get rid of bad air." Although Ms. McIntyre understands when employees say they cannot get along without their vehicle, she still reminds them that vehicle traffic is one of the primary causes of air pollution. "When a person is aware of the causes of polluted air, he or she has an obligation to do their part," she said, adding that "dirty air is not going anywhere without an effort. Ridesharing is a simple way to do something." Good air quality is an ongoing effort and she keeps the clean air message in front of her colleagues by encouraging non-ridesharing County employees to "give it a chance." For more information about the County's rideshare program, please contact your departmental coordinator or Dorothy Mosley at (213) 974-1182.

MTA Tickets Online

Commuters and other travelers may now go online to purchase Metro bus or train monthly or EZ transit passes. Customers may go to the MTA website at metro.net/passes and click on either Metro Pass or Regional Pass. EZ transit passes cost slightly more than the monthly passes, but can be used on most major bus services in Los Angeles.

Calendar of Events

Black History Program  
Thurs. Feb. 24, 10 a.m., Room 381-B  
County Dodger Night  
Fri. April 29, 7 p.m., Dodger Stadium  
March of Dimes WalkAmerica  
Saturday, April 30, 7 a.m., Griffith Park

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★ Save the Date ★  
Cesar E. Chavez  
Community  
Service Week  
March 28 to April 2, 2005  
"Educating the Heart"

Compton Rideshare Fair Shows Cars

The Compton Courthouse was the site of a recent Clean Air/Rideshare Fair to promote the importance of employee participation in reducing air pollution. A clean air vehicle, the Segway and other materials were on display near the employee entrance in the basement. Many employees asked questions about ridesharing and the vehicle. Each person who attended the fair received a free Metrolink ticket. Committee members for the event included Melinda Winston, Probation; Gary Baucum, Alternate Public Defender; Eloise Phillips, District Attorney; Edna Hamilton, Public Defender and Deputy Michael Kelly, Sheriff. The Compton Courthouse is one of 64 Countywide facilities regulated by the South Coast Air Quality Management District.



County of Los Angeles • Cesar E. Chavez Community Service Week — 2005 Employee Volunteer Application

Volunteers will provide educational assistance as part of the 2005 observance of Cesar E. Chavez Community Service Week. Please complete this form by March 15 and return to Patricia Mannatt, CAO Workplace Programs, 500 W. Temple St., # B-1, Los Angeles, CA 90012.



Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Department: \_\_\_\_\_  
Daytime Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Evening Phone: \_\_\_\_\_  
Fax: \_\_\_\_\_ E-mail: \_\_\_\_\_

Please check one.  
Agency:  
Community Service \_\_\_\_\_ Public Library \_\_\_\_\_ Probation \_\_\_\_\_ Parks/Recreation \_\_\_\_\_  
Date:  
March 28 \_\_\_\_\_ March 29 \_\_\_\_\_ March 30 \_\_\_\_\_ March 31 \_\_\_\_\_ April 1 \_\_\_\_\_ April 2 \_\_\_\_\_

Below is my supervisor's approval for me to volunteer as part of the 2005 Cesar E. Chavez Community Service Week, March 28-April 2, 2005. My supervisor and I understand that volunteering cannot adversely affect the delivery of services to County clients.

Supervisor's signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_  
Title \_\_\_\_\_

Return to: \_\_\_\_\_ Deadline: March 15, 2005  
Patricia Mannatt  
CAO Workplace Programs, 500 W. Temple St., #B-1, Los Angeles, CA 90012  
Fax: (213) 633-4694

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Dr. Thomas Garthwaite and the Department of Health Services received the platinum award. Departments of Public Social Services, CAO, Registrar-Recorder, Sheriff, Auditor-Controller and Fire earned gold awards. Mental Health received a bronze award. County Star Walkers were CAO Janssen, Jacob Aguilar and Diana Fonseca, DPSS; Patricia Kalebaba, DHS-MLK; Maribel Roque and Fran Nakata, DHS-LAC+USC; Carol Williams, Registrar-Recorder; and Donna Evans, Assessor. The County will sponsor its 21st annual March of Dimes WalkAmerica fundraiser on Saturday, April 30, 7:00 a.m., in Griffith Park. For more information, please contact your departmental March of Dimes coordinator or the CAO Workplace Programs office at (213) 974-2619.



Supervisor Molina and Carol Williams, Registrar-Recorder.



Supervisor Molina and Marvin Southard, Mental Health.



Supervisor Molina and Rita Hopkins of the March of Dimes, second from right, with the CAO gold team, from left, CAO Janssen, Victoria P. Lane, director, CAO Workplace Programs Office; and Natalia Jimenez, Charitable Giving program coordinator.

TUTANKHAMUN AND THE GOLDEN AGE OF THE PHaraohs

On November 26, 1922 the tomb of King Tutankhamun was discovered, unlocking the most precious treasures the world had ever known. Throughout the '70's, millions of Americans marveled at the treasures of King Tut in an unprecedented museum exhibition. For the first time in over 25 years, King Tut's treasures have left Egypt for America...and are visiting our home—the Los Angeles County Museum of Art. You can see this great exhibit by ordering your tickets today. Tickets are limited and are on a first come, first serve basis. Tickets must be pre-ordered by Thursday, February 24, 2005. Checks are payable to: LAC Volunteer Fund. Do not send cash. Tickets will be mailed to you. Sorry, no exchanges or refunds. All exhibit tickets are sold by the hour. Please plan to arrive 30 minutes prior to your scheduled admittance time. Museum closes at 7 p.m. (\$5.00/ticket benefits the Charitable Giving Campaign)

(PLEASE PRINT)

Name: _____		Mail tickets to: _____		
Work Address: _____		Name: _____		
Department & section: _____		Address: _____		
Work Telephone: _____				
Please select date, time, and quantity of tickets				
Date(s)	Exhibit Entrance Time	Qty.	Cost per ticket	Total \$ Amount
Friday, July 8, 2005	6:00 p.m.		X \$27.00 =	
Saturday, July 9, 2005	2:00 p.m.		X \$35.00 =	
Saturday, July 9, 2005	3:00 p.m.		X \$35.00 =	
Saturday, July 9, 2005	4:00 p.m.		X \$35.00 =	
Saturday, July 9, 2005	5:00 p.m.		X \$35.00 =	
Saturday, July 9, 2005	6:00 p.m.		X \$35.00 =	
Sunday, July 10, 2005	2:00 p.m.		X \$35.00 =	
Sunday, July 10, 2005	3:00 p.m.		X \$35.00 =	
Sunday, July 10, 2005	4:00 p.m.		X \$35.00 =	
Sunday, July 10, 2005	5:00 p.m.		X \$35.00 =	
Sunday, July 10, 2005	6:00 p.m.		X \$35.00 =	
Total # of Tickets:			Total \$ Enclosed	

Mail order form and payment to:  
Natalia Jimenez or Gina Villegas  
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Kenneth Hahn Hall of Administration, B-1  
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